

Project Name:

Access to broadband for Anaconda-Deer Lodge

Recipient:

Anaconda - Deer Lodge County, MT

Address:

800 Main Street Anaconda, MT 59711

Amount Requested:

\$200,000

Project Explanation:

Anaconda-Deer Lodge is a consolidated County-City government, population 9,491, which currently has zero access to broadband infrastructure. This funding would provide for the installation of two strands of dedicated fibers for 1-10Gig Lit Service in a Ring Topology from the central location to each of the County's nine different sites. This will provide a high level of internet resiliency and harden county election security and greatly improve emergency services and communications.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request for the Anaconda Deer-Lodge Rural Broadband Project

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Anaconda Deer-Lodge Rural Broadband Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, located at 800 Main Street Courthouse, Anaconda, MT 59711.

The funding would be used for the installation of two strands of dedicated fibers for 1-10Gig Lit Service in a Ring Topology from the central location to each of the County's nine different sites. Anaconda-Deer Lodge is a consolidated County-City government, population 9,491, which currently has zero access to broadband infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a high level of internet resiliency and harden county election security and greatly improve emergency services and communications for the county.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress